GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CO-OPERATION WITH FRENCH
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a recent meeting held between him and the French Agriculture Minister, enhanced bilateral co-operation in the agricultural sector was discussed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any French investment in agriculture sector was discussed;

(d) if so, the amount likely to be invested and the proposals received; and

(e) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)to(e): Yes, Sir. A Joint Working Group meeting was held on 14th April, 2005 between the Indian & French side to discuss areas of mutual cooperation in the field of agriculture. The following areas were identified for cooperation:-

Trade in agricultural products, Veterinary, Phytosanitary and Food Security; Preservation of Agricultural Products and the organization of the cold chain in the Agro-Food Sector, Promotion of Geographical Indicators; Fruit and Vegetable Sector; Agricultural Research and Rural Development. These do not involve any investments.